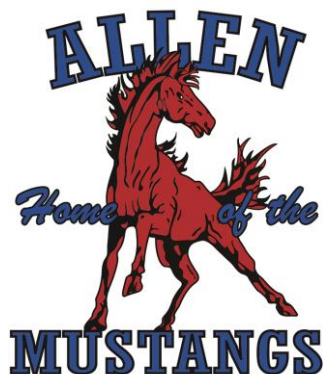


New Beginnings DAEP



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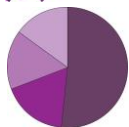
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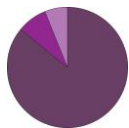


MCS is an urban school system of about 3,600 students in the city of Marion, population about 30,000.

Allen's demographics



About 390 students: 51.7% white; 17.7% black; 15.7% Hispanic; 14.9% multiracial.



85.9% free meals; 8.0% reduced

Our New Beginnings Team



Anthony Williams, principal; Jo Messner, behavioral interventionist; Amy Yoder, instructional aide; Debbie Stiles, school counselor Sarah Nacke, instructional aide; Scott Hoeksema, assistant principal; Rianne Aguilar, special education teacher; Lori Brane, social worker.

For more information about the New Beginnings program, email Principal Anthony Williams, awwilliams@marion.k12.in.us, or Behavior Interventionist Jo Messner, jmessner@marion.k12.in.us. Learn more about Allen Elementary and Marion Community Schools at www.marion.k12.in.us.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

We created our New Beginnings Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (the first of its kind in the state) to address our concerns for suspended students, and the educational and personal growth opportunities they were missing.

Since the creation of this program, out-of-school suspensions have dropped dramatically (from 202 in the 2013-14 school-year; to 16 in the 2014-15 school year; and to 9 as of February 2015)!

New Beginnings is not an in-school suspension program. It is a multi-faceted and multi-tiered approach to responding to and improving student behavior. Students work one-on-one with behavioral interventionists and instructional aides and meet frequently with a school counselor and social worker. The minimum length of participation is three days. There is no maximum.

Parents are also invited to Parent University, a support and encouragement program, to build a positive relationship in which everyone has the best interest of the student at heart.

OUR STEPS

Staffers traveled to a Texas elementary school that had DAEP in place, then created a data- and research-based plan. The program has since evolved to meet the needs of our students. We plan to use Title I funds to sustain when SIG ends after 2015-16.

SHARING OUR SUCCESS

Allen staffers presented at the SIG conference in Goshen (December 2014); to the Committee of Practitioners in Indiana (December 2014); during the Indiana Association of School Principals Conference (November 2015); at the Indiana School Counselors Association Annual Conference; to DOE representatives several times. New Beginnings was featured in the January 2015 issue of the IASP Indianagram and at the Catapult Learning Leadership Institute in San Francisco. Allen Elementary and Marion Community Schools staff had the privilege of speaking at the National Alternative Education Association Conference in March 2015. Allen has hosted various Indiana school corporations onsite and via webinar, as well as schools from Alabama, California, Georgia and Kentucky.

Our TRUE success, though, is the change we see in our students every day!